

Hello,

The Yakima Field Office of the Bureau of Reclamation would like to offer the following comments on this study.

1) Page 10, broodstock collection, 2nd paragraph: The report states that adult Coho broodstock collection is planned between early September and early December. Annual maintenance at Roza Dam consistently occurs between mid-October and the end of November (for usually a 4 week period) and does not allow operation of the adult trap. There may also be a mid-Sep to mid-Oct outage in 2007 (approx 2 weeks in length) to allow the Yakama Nation and Reclamation to perform a variety of work (installing lights in the ladder/tunnel, installing pit tag detectors, etc.). Reclamation would like to ensure the authors of the study are aware of this maintenance requirement and realize collection at Roza may not be possible for the continuous period mentioned.

2) Page 15, overwinter survival studies, 2nd paragraph: The study states that the release of Coho smolts and parr into Lake Cle Elum is planned for four years. Their successful outmigration is predicated on the operation of a surface spill flume on the Cle Elum spillway. The current testing of the operation of the spillway flume is only funded through 2009. Reclamation cannot guarantee at this point what will occur with the flume past that time. Therefore, that leaves at least 2 years (assuming the 4 year test begins in 2007), when successful outmigration may not be guaranteed if the spillway flume is not operated. Reclamation recommends adding verbiage that successful outmigration from the lake and the continued operation of the spillway flume is dependent upon future funding, need and authorization.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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